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Conversation No. 903-1

Date: April 20, 1973
Time: 8:15 am - 8:39 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman.

Haldeman's morale
-Amount of work

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Note to President from Julie Nixon Eisenhower
-Gen. Vernon A. Walter's comments about the President at state dinner for Giulio Andreotti
-Seating arrangement
-Eve [?] [Last name unknown]
-President's courage
-Caracas, Africa, Lima
-Terrorism [?]

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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- Letter to Haldeman
 - Encouragement
 - Grasshopper story

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[End transcribed portion]

- White House staff
 - Support for President
 - John D. Ehrlichman [?]
 - Henry A. Kissinger [?]
 - Telephone call to Haldeman
 - Care
 - Complaints
 - Involvement [?]

The President and Haldeman left at 8:39 am.

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Conversation No. 903-2

Date: April 20, 1973
Time: Unknown between 8:39 am and 10:36 am.
Location: Oval Office

The President and an unknown man entered.

President's schedule

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 10:36.

Conversation No. 903-3

Date: April 20, 1973
Time: Unknown between 8:39 am and 10:36 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President's schedule

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 10:36.

Conversation No. 903-4

Date: April 20, 1973
Time: Unknown between 10:35 am and 10:57 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule

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Conversation No. 903-4 (cont'd)

- Telephone call recommendations
- Delay
- Legislative bill

Bull left and George H. W. Bush entered at 10:36 am.

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Bush's meeting with Ronald W. Reagan

- Robert H. Finch's candidacy
 - California
 - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman's knowledge [?]
 - Finch's conversation with President
- Reagan's schedule
 - Phoenix
 - Governor's conference

Bush's lunch with Kenneth W. Clawson and David M. Packard

- California
- Finch's Political plans
 - Senate
 - Governor

Bush's meeting with Reagan

- Finch
 - Retirement
 - Constitutional Amendment
- Patronage
 - Reagan's position
- Toughness of Reagan
 - Candidacy for Governor

President's conversation with Finch

President's forthcoming meeting with Reagan

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- Finch
 - President's support
 - Senate
- California Governor's race
 - Edwin Reinecke
 - Reagan's choice
- President's conversation with Reagan
 - San Clemente, California
- New York
 - Reagan's schedule

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Watergate

- Grand Jury
- Ervin Committee
- John N. Mitchell
 - Martha (Beall) Mitchell
- Henry E. Petersen
- Kenneth S. Rietz's involvement
- Grand Jury's purview
 - Dirty tricks
 - Edmund S. Muskie
- President's conversation with Petersen
 - Dirty tricks
- Rietz
 - Involvement
 - Jerris Leonard
 - Conversations with Bush
- Dirty tricks
 - Prevalence
- Rietz
 - Departure
 - Conversation with Bush, April 18, 1973
 - Jeb Stuart Magruder's forthcoming testimony

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- Involvement
- Effects
 - President
 - Republicans
 - Capitol Hill reactions
- President's actions
 - Ronald L. Ziegler's statement
 - Investigation
- Comparison with Sherman Adams and Dwight D. Eisenhower
- Future of those involved
- Possible statement by Bush
 - President's investigation
- Press
 - Haldeman
 - John W. Dean, III
 - Bush's conversation with John Linton of *Newsweek*
- Disclosures
 - Grand Jury
 - Ervin Committee
- Departures from White House staff
 - Effect
- Indictments
- Lack of corroborating evidence
- Mitchell
 - Martha (Beall) Mitchell
 - Magruder
- Telephone call from Executive Office Building [EOB] to Republican National Committee [RNC]
 - Tom Allias [?]
 - Jack N. Anderson
 - Payment for mailing
 - Bush's call to W. Richard Howard
- White House staff
 - Dean
 - Conversations with President
- Magruder
 - Mitchell

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- Rietz
 - Departure from RNC staff
 - William E. Brock, III
 - Tom Lyons
 - Pat Wilson
 - Conversations with Bush
 - Bush's conversation with Petersen
 - Magruder testimony
 - Meeting with Bush and President
- Bush's morale
- William P. Rogers
 - Conversations with Bush and President
- Possible statement by Bush

Bush left at 10:57 am.

Conversation No. 903-5

Date: April 20, 1973
Time: Unknown between 10:57 am and before 11:07 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President's schedule
-Henry A. Kissinger

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 11:07 am.

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Conversation No. 903-6

Date: April 20, 1973
Time: 11:07 am - 11:23 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman.

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[End of transcribed portion]

Watergate
-White House involvement
-President

[Resume transcribed portion]

[End of transcribed portion]

Haldeman left at 11:23 am

Conversation No. 903-7

Date: April 20, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:23 am and 11:32 am
Location: Oval Office

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Conversation No. 903-7 (cont'd)

The President met with an unknown man.

President's schedule
-Henry A. Kissinger

The unknown man left at a time before 11:32 am.

Conversation No. 903-8

Date: April 20, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:23 am and 11:32 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 38-128]

Conversation No. 903-9

Date: April 20, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:23 am and 11:32 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President's schedule
-President's meeting with Henry A. Kissinger
-Delay
-Telephone call

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 11:32 am.

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Conversation No. 903-10

Date: April 20, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:23 am and before 11:32 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

President's signature

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

President's schedule

Briefcase

-Folders

-Removal

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:32 am.

Conversation No. 903-11

Date: April 20, 1973
Time: 11:32 am - 11:40 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Henry E. Petersen.

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Conversation No. 903-11

[See Conversation No. 38-129]

Conversation No. 903-12

Date: April 20, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:40 am and 11:43 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President's schedule
-Henry A. Kissinger

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 11:43 am.

Conversation No. 903-13

Date: April 20, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:40 am and 11:43 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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Refreshments

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

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Conversation No. 903-13

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 11:43 am.

Conversation No. 903-14

Date: April 20, 1973
Time: 11:43 am - 12:02 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

- Kissinger's forthcoming speech in New York
- Summary of President's actions
 - Atlantic world relations
 - President's schedule
 - Trip to Europe
 - Preparations
 - Meetings
 - “Big Four”
 - North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO]
 - Response
 - Europe's leaders
 - Associated Press [AP] publishers
 - New York
 - Questions and answers [Q & A]
 - Vietnam, Laos

Vietnam

- Bombing
- Memorandum from Elliot L. Richardson
- Kissinger's request for contingency plans
 - Joint Chiefs of Staff [JCS]
 - Attack on Laos
 - Attack on Demilitarized Zone [DMZ]
 - Attack on both sides of DMZ
- Richardson's view

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- Kissinger's view
- National Security Council, [NSC] meeting
 - Bombing contingencies
 - Kissinger's recommendation
 - Laos
 - Khe Sanh
 - South Vietnam
 - North Vietnam
 - “Out of control”
- US actions
 - Mines [?]
 - Economic commissioner
 - Reconnaissance mission
 - North Vietnam's reaction
 - Caution
 - Statements

Kissinger's schedule

- Egypt message
 - Meeting in Europe
 - Soviet Union
- Le Duc Tho, Hafey Ismail
- Absence
 - Vietnam settlement
 - Moscow
 - Soviet summit
- Vietnam settlement communication
 - Brent G. Scowcroft
 - Decision making
 - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
 - Kissinger's alter-ego

Kissinger's schedule

- Trip to Soviet Union

President's schedule

- Florida

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- Kissinger
- Ronald L. Ziegler

Camp David

- Kissinger's invitation

President's schedule

- Florida
- Reflection

Watergate

- Decision making
 - Personal
 - National
 - Cien Fuegos
 - Jordan
 - Cambodia
- President's position
 - Full disclosure
- Press reaction
- John N. Mitchell
- H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman
- Departures from White House staff
 - Manner and timing
 - Effect
- Haldeman's possible departure
 - Replacement
 - Leonard Garment
 - Roy L. Ash
 - Bureaucracy
- Haldeman and Ehrlichman
- President's conversation with Henry E. Petersen
 - Corroboration
 - Jeb Stuart Magruder
- Haldeman and Ehrlichman
 - Evidence
- President's activities

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Conversation No. 903-14

- Comparison with Harry S. Truman and Lyndon B. Johnson
- Effect on individuals
 - Haldeman and Ehrlichman
- Mitchell
 - Appearances on television [TV]
 - Responsibility
 - Charles W. Colson's role in campaign
 - Haldeman
 - President's responsibilities
 - Haldeman's White House functions
- President's knowledge
- President's action
 - Haldeman and Ehrlichman
 - Bureaucracy
- Comparison with political campaign

Vietnam

- NSC meeting
- George P. Shultz
 - Attendance
 - Economic matters compared with military matters
 - Statutory members
- Attorney General

Kissinger left at 12:02 pm

Conversation No. 903-15

Date: April 20, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:02 pm and 12:04 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 38-130]

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Conversation No. 903-15

Conversation No. 903-16

Date: April 20, 1973
Time: 12:04 pm - 12:07 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Patrick J. Buchanan.

[See Conversation No. 38-131; one item has been withdrawn.]

Conversation No. 903-17

Date: April 20, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:07 pm and 12:15 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with John D. Ehrlichman or H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman.

President's schedule
-Request for meeting

Conversation No. 903-18

Date: April 20, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:07 pm and 12:15 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with and unknown man.

Briefcase

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Conversation No. 903-18

-Book

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:15 pm.

Conversation No. 903-19

Date: April 20, 1973
Time: 12:15 pm - 12:34 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

[Kissinger is speaking upon entering the Oval Office]

- Ronald L. Ziegler
- Announcement [?]
 - Reaction [?]
 - Agreement on the prevention of Nuclear War
 - Soviet Union
 - Discussion with Great Britain
 - US – Soviet Union summit
 - Date
 - Announcement

John D. Ehrlichman and H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman entered at 12:15 pm

- President’s schedule
- Meeting with Georges J. R. Pompidou
 - Dates
 - Announcement
 - Reykjavik, Iceland
 - Compared to Greenland

Kissinger left at 12:16 pm

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An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 12:16 pm.

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:34 pm.

[End transcribed portion]

Watergate

- Dean
 - Access to documents
- Executive police
- Order

Steven B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 12:16 pm.

- President's schedule
 - Richard A. Moore
 - Reschedule

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:34 pm.

[Resume transcribed portion]

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 12:16 pm.

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 12:34 pm.

[End transcribed portion]

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Conversation No. 903-19

Ehrlichman and Haldeman left at 12:34 pm.

Conversation No. 903-20

Date: April 20, 1973
Time: 12:34 pm - 12:37 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Richard A. Moore.

Watergate

- La Costa meeting
 - Purpose
 - President's directive
 - Donald H. Segretti
- John N. Mitchell
- John W. Dean, III
- Funds for defendants
 - Ehrlichman's statement concerning Mitchell and Nelson A. Rockefeller
- Haldeman and Ehrlichman
 - Participation and knowledge

Moore left at 12:37 pm.

Conversation No. 903-21

Date: April 20, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:37 pm and 11:59 pm
Location: Oval Office

Unknown men met.

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Conversation No. 903-21

President's schedule
-Preparations
-Key Biscayne

The unknown men left at an unknown time before 12:37 pm.